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SUBJECT: TRAINING FOR BURMESE GEOCHEMIST

REFS: (A) OFFICIAL- INFORMAL, BERGESEN- AMBASSADOR, FEB 16, 1973;

(B) OFFICIAL- INFORMAL, LACEY- BERGESEN, MARCH 16, 1973;

(C) MEMCONS, BENNETT- CHEIN HAI, MAY 3 AND 7, 1973

1. FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEPT. (REFS A AND B) ABOUT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR BURMESE GEOCHEMIST WITH DEPT. OF INTER- IOR, EMBASSY OFFERED SUCH TRAINING BY NOTE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MARCH 16. MFA REPLIED APRIL 26 POLITELY REGRETTING INABILITY TO ACCEPT. INFORMAL INQUIRIES (REF C) ELICITED REASON FOR REFUSAL : OUR NOTE HAD ERRONEOUSLY BEEN REFERRED TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, WHICH WAS UNAWARE OF BACKGROUND AND DELAYED RESPONSE UNTIL TOO LATE FOR GUB TO COMPLETE SELECTION IN TIME FOR MAY STARTING DATE WHICH WE HAD PROPOSED.

2. PLANNING AND FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS STRESSED (REF C) THIS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY WAS STILL DESIRED FOR LATER DATE, AND THAT GUB WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING IN U. S. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE RECEIVED SECOND NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY DATED MAY 12, WHICH STATES THAT " AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE BURMESE AUTHORITIES WERE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE OFFER ; HOWEVER, IT WAS DUE TO SHORTAGE OF TIME ON THEIR PART FOR MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS THAT THEY COULD NOT MAKE USE OF THE OFFER FOR 1973." NOTE ADDED THAT GUB " PREPARED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCH OFFER, IF THE SAME WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM IN 1974."

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EM IN VIEW OF FOREGOING AND OF INCREASING GUB OPENNESS TO OFFERS
OF TRAINING IN U. S.-- INCLUDING TRAINING TO BE FUNDED BY PRIVATE
SOURCES-- EMBASSY WISHES TO RENEW OFFER FOR SPRING/ SUMMER 1974.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE DEPT' S CONFIRMATION THAT
FUNDING AND TRAINING CAN BE PROVIDED IN SPRING/ SUMMER 1974 VICE
1973.

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